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SUBJ: BACKLOG OF WESTERN HEMISPHERE APPLICANTS

REF: MONTERREY 61 AND MEXICO 503

## FOR MOA XAND ARA/MGT

- 1. EMBASSY CONSULAR OFFICER VISITED MONTERREY RECENTLY AND CONFIRMED THAT CONSULATE GENERAL WILL, BY END OF FEBRUARY, DEVELOP THE BACKLOG OF WH APPLICANTS FORECAST IN MONTERREY'S NO. 0061. CLEARLY THE CONSULATE GENERAL FACES A HEAVY WORKLOAD WITH WHICH PRESENT STAFF CANNOT COPE DURING SHORTENED FEBRUARY ISSUANCE PERIOD.
- 2. MOREOVER, THE EVER MOUNTING DEMAND FOR IMMIGRANT VISA SERVICES AND THE ADVANCING OF PRIORITY DATES BEYOND FOUR WEEKS PRECLUDES ANY POSSIBILITY THAT CONSULATE GENERAL CAN GAIN AND MAINTAIN CONTROL OVER PROBLEM UNLESS OVERTIME CAN BE AUTHORIZED OR TWO NEW FSL VISA CLERK POSITIONS REQUESTED ONE YEAR AGO CAN BE GRANTED.
- 3. ARA'S CURRENT FINANCIAL DILEMMA MAY PRECLUDE EMBASSY RECEIVING SURVIVAL ESTIMATE DOLLARS 10,000 FOR MONTERREY OVERTIME (DOLLARS 20,000 COUNTRYWIDE) COSTS FOR BALANCE FISCAL YEAR. IN ANY EVENT, RESORT UNCLASSIFIED

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TO OVERTIME ON REGULAR BASIS IS NOT REALISTIC SOLUTION

TO PROBLEM. THEREFORE, WE CONTINUE TO HOPE THAT THE PROJECTED STRENGTHENING OF MONTERREY CONSULAR STAFF WILL SOON BECOME A REALITY. THE DEPARTMENT'S SUPPORT EITHER IN PROVIDING OVERTIME FUNDS FOR SHORT RANGE ADVANTAGES OR IN AUTHORIZING TWO NEW FSL POSITIONS REQUESTED IN FY-75 CONSULAR PACKAGE WITL BE GREATLY APHRECIATED.

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